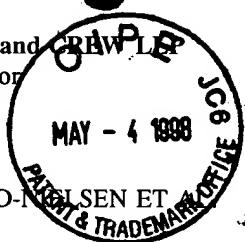


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In re application of MARTIN FRID-JENSEN ET AL.

Appln. No. 09/060,206  
Filed: April 14, 1998  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Second Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 and add claims 3-17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A system for processing and reconciling information comprising [comprises].

an information processing system having a memory and a processor;

means for entering first [ordinal] information and second ordinal information, each of said first and second information including an ordinal interval; and

means for reconciling said first information and said second ordinal information by constructing at least one list having selected one of the ordinal intervals.

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